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SUBJECT: CYPRUS IN SC

REF: A. NICOSIA 0699

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1. SUMMARY. THIS CABLE IS FOLLOW-UP OF NICOSIA 0699 (REF A) WHICH COMMENTED ON POSSIBLE USG LINE WITH REGARD TO SC FACT-FINDING MISSION TO CYPRUS. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT SC SPECIAL COMMITTEE MAY PROVIDE MEANS TO SATISFY GREEK CYPRIOT DEMAND FOR A DEGREE OF INTERNATIONALIZATION WITHOUT ATTENDANT ANTAGONIZING OF TURKEY. COMMITTEE COULD PROVIDE VEHICLES FOR RELAUNCHING INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. AS NOTED IN AMBASSADOR SCALI'S DISCUSSION WITH CLERIDES (REF B), GOC IS SEEKING PRACTICAL WAY TO RETURN TO MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS. FOR GREEKS "PRACTICAL" FIRST MEANS SATISFYING THEIR NEEDS FOR HONOR, WORLD ATTENTION AND MORAL BACKING. SECOND, IT MEANS SOME PROMISE OF TANGIBLE GAINS TOWARDS AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM.

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3. WE CONCUR WITH AMBASSADOR SCALI'S COMMENT PARA 3 REF B THAT BASIC OBJECTIVE OF ANY SC ACTION SHOULD BE GETTING TALKS STARTED AGAIN. SC SPECIAL COMMITTEE COULD ADVANCE THIS OBJECTIVE. GIVEN EVOLVING SITUATION IN NEW YORK, WE BELIEVE USG SHOULD NOW CONSIDER TAKING QUIET LEAD IN UN DELIBERATIONS SUPPORTING FACT-FINDING "SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CYPRUS" MADE UP OF NON-PERM UNSC REPS TO MAKE ON-GROUND SURVEY AND TO UNDERTAKE GET NEW TALKS STARTED AT NICOSIA LEVEL WITH, AS BEFORE, ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF UNSYG SPECIAL REP HERE. IF THIS CAME TO SEEM DESIRABLE, ESPECIALLY TO BLOCK RECURRENT MOVES FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, SPECIAL COMMITTEE COULD BE MANDATED VISIT CYPRUS AGAIN LATE TO EVALUATE PROGRESS.

4. IF USG WERE TO PURSUE ABOVE LINE WE WOULD BE ABLE AVOID GREEK/GREEK CYPRIOT CHARGE OF HAVING OPPOSED ANY MEASURES OF THE INTERNATIONALIZATION THEIR SENSE OF HONOR NOW DEMANDS.

5. CONCURRENTLY, USG SHOULD EXPLAIN PRIVATELY TO TURKS THAT THIS VENUE AND MODE OF INQUIRY OFFERS BEST POSSIBILITIES FOR TURKS TO SHOW THEMSELVES IN FAVORABLE INTERNATIONAL LIGHT AND TO MAKE THENCIND OF CONCESSIONS IN CYPRUS WITH REGARD TO NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT THAT WILL HELP USG RESTORE ASSISTANCE. GREEKS WOULD BE GETTING THEIR SC MISSION TO ISLAND TOGETHER WITH POSSIBLE MEANS OF OBTAINING "PRACTICAL" BENEFITS.
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